Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 September 2022

Detail from Two Tax Collectors
Marinus van Reymerswaele
18 September 2022

THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE | Pavane

Pavane pour une infante défunte

Louis Couperin
(1727-1789)

Maurice Ravel
(1875-1937)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION | Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love in humble service
2. Still the children wander home-less,
3. As we worship, grant us vi-sion,
4. Called from worship into service,

Bore the weight of human need,
Still the hungry cry for bread.
Till your love’s revealing light
Forth in your great name we go

Who upon the cross, for-saken,
Still the captives long for free-dom,
In its height and depth and great-ness
To the child, the youth, the a-ged,

Of-fered mer-cy’s per-fect deed:
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
Dawns up-on our hu-man sight,
Love in liv-ing deeds to show.

We, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion,
Mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens
Hope and health, good-will and com-fort,
CALL TO WORSHIP

* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.
Glorious to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.
FIRST READING | Amos 8: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 113: Praise the Lord

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blest both now and forevermore!

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on high, who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth?

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

SECOND READING | 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Franciscan Alleluia


HOMILY
Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
his sufferings and death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

Universal Prayer
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE PARISH!

We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is as easy as Aim & Tap. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone’s screen. You may need to zoom in a bit to focus on the code.

If the Flowcode doesn’t work for you, please visit www.flowcode.com/page/stceciliaboston.

You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115
1. If you would fol-low me, fol-low where life will lead:

2. If you would hon-or me, hon-or the least of these:

3. If you would speak of me, live all your life in me:

4. If you would rise with me, rise through your des-ti- ny:

do not look for me a-mong the dead, for I am you will not find me dressed in fin-er-y. My Word cries my ways are not the ways that you would choose; my thoughts are do not re-fuse the death which brings you life, for as the

hid-den in pain, ris-en in love; out to be heard; breaks through the world:

far be-yond yours, as heav-en from earth:

there is no har-vest with-out sowing of grain.

my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart.

if you be-lieve in me my voice will be heard.

so I have plant-ed your life deep with-in mine.

All that is hid-den will be made clear. All that is
dark now will be re-vealed.

What you have heard in the dark pro-claim in the light; what you hear in whis-pers

pro-claim from the house-tops.
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

[*] The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

[*] Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

[*] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an “Act of Spiritual Communion.” During this time when we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together in person, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
O Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred; let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we might not seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying we are born to eternal life.

**CONCLUDING RITES**

- The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

- May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

- Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL | The Church of Christ in Every Age

1. The Church of Christ, in every age Be set by change, but Spirit led, Must claim and test its heritage of injustice cry For shelter and for bread to age, And keep on rising from the dead.

2. Across the world, across the street, The victims of injustice cry For shelter and for bread to age, And keep on rising from the dead.

3. Then let the servant Church arise, A caring Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity. Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity. Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity. Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity.

4. For he alone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity. Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity. Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity. Church that longs to be A partner in Christ’s sacrifice, And clothed in Christ’s humanity.

5. We have no mission but to serve In full obedience to our Lord: To care for all, without regard, And never live until they die. To care for all, without regard, And never live until they die. To care for all, without regard, And never live until they die. To care for all, without regard, And never live until they die.

POSTLUDE | Concert Overture “Comes Autumn Time”

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia, please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: R.Duff@stceciliaboston.org.
Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children’s faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus’ teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids (“Irish working out girls”) and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusett tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci’s *The Last Supper*, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius’ life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We’ve been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God’s love makes all things new.
THOUGHTS FROM FATHER COYNE

Friends,

I have had the privilege of celebrating many wonderful weddings throughout my years as a priest. It is not only an exciting day for the couples, but it is also fulfilling to witness how happy the parents of the bride and groom are because their sons or daughters have chosen to be married in the Catholic Church. Up until recently, it was understood and expected that this was the natural progression following baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. However, I can’t tell you how often I have conversations with parents who are disappointed because their adult children have decided to celebrate their marriages apart from the Church. I know how heartbreaking this is for many of these parents who dreamed of witnessing their children’s vows in the parish church where they have centered their spiritual lives for years and—in many cases—for generations.

We realize that many younger people who were raised Catholic have a very different understanding of religion and the role it will play in their lives. There are many reasons for this. As many of our younger people have grown up, the Church has played a lesser role in their lives, and they don’t have the same emotional, physical, or spiritual relationship with the institution that we identify with so strongly. I believe this is true of all organized religions. When I tell you that the average parish in the Archdiocese that once had 60-70 weddings a year may now have 5-10, I am not exaggerating. (Saint Cecilia is the exception). Personally, I feel very badly about this because it’s such an honor for me and the Catholic Church to be invited to celebrate the gift of married love with faith-filled families.

As we know, God is beyond organized religion, and so God is very capable of blessing a marriage apart from a church ceremony. So, even though a couple’s wedding may not be recognized by the Catholic Church, it may be recognized in God’s eyes. Today, if two baptized Christians (including at least one Catholic) want their marriage recognized by the Catholic Church, it must take place at a church. However, the Church recognizes that some people of other faiths may be offended by symbols at the church. If a Catholic is marrying a Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, Humanist, or another non-baptized person, the ceremony may take place outside of the church building and the Church will recognize the marriage as long as a dispensation has been requested and granted. Over the years, I have officiated many weddings as well for people originally married outside the Church by a justice of the peace, or a family member or friend who became licensed for the day. These couples may decide one day to have their marriage blessed or recognized by the Church. This can be done very simply. It takes place in a church and is similar to the renewal of vows, usually with a small group of family or friends present. Also, no matter what the marital status is, couples are always welcome to have their children baptized in the Catholic Church.

How blessed are we as a Church to welcome and support any family who chooses to celebrate intimate moments with us. What a wonderful opportunity to experience God’s presence together. The sacraments are sacred to us.

Enjoy life!

Fr. Coyne
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, September 17 | 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Catherine Horsley, lector

Sunday, September 18 | 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Nicholas Hayes-Mota, lector

Sunday, September 18 | 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Louisa Essmann, Chika Offurum, and Sarra Hajjaj, lectors

Sunday, September 18 | 11:30 a.m.
Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Eileen Maguire and Karen McMenamy, lectors

Sunday, September 18 | 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Ron Coyne, celebrant
Nikko Mendoza and Jen Kowieski, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 18 | 9:30 a.m.
Edward Burke, First Anniversary
Rita Gorham Howland, Memorial
Dennie Conway, Memorial
MaryAnn Connors, Memorial
Steve & Roberta Roach, Memorial

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

WEEKEND PARKING UPDATE
SLIGHT INCREASE IN COST TO PARK AT HYNES

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski’s Tavern), for $13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.
PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick
Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially Jeannie Brassard Tremblay, Flavia Langan, Charlie Naughton, Bob Haas, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rosalind Sica, Rick Gaillardetz, Michael Mulrenan, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish
We are pleased to welcome the following new members of our parish who have recently registered: Marie Hosang of Hingham, the Robinson-Gannon Family of Boston, Jennifer Mundy of Boston, the Fischer Family of Marblehead, Margot and Miles Martschink of Boston, Liam Cahill of Brighton, Terry McCafferty of Cambridge, Rennett Macintyre of Walnut Creek, California, Kate Raiti-Palazzolo and Nicholas Ioannidis of Boston, Bill Spinks of Milton, and Matthew Cuff of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at http://www.stceciliaboston.org/.

Happy Anniversary!
This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of Joyce Isiminger who was baptized on September 22. May the Lord continue to bless Joyce with the grace to live out her baptismal call. Happy Feast Day, Joyce!

Beginning of Children’s Faith Formation
Children’s Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 25 for grades K through 8. Grades 9 and 10 will begin on October 2. Our youngest class this year will be for children who are in kindergarten and who will be entering first grade in the fall of 2023. To register your children for faith formation, please go to: https://bit.ly/3cCul7d Please note that we need baptismal certificates for all children enrolled in the program and all families must be registered parishioners. If you are not presently registered, there are registration forms in the narthex or you can register on-line by visiting: https://www.stceciliaboston.org/joining-our-parish/. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Olivia Hastie at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.

VIRTUS TRAINING
Sunday, September 18 | 11:00 a.m. | Community Room

Virtus is the umbrella term for a two-part training designed to keep children safe in the parish setting. The Archdiocese requires this two-part training of all volunteers and staff who have the potential for direct contact with children or the vulnerable due to their involvement in the parish. The first part, Protecting God’s Children (or PGC) teaches us to recognize the signs and symptoms that a child is being abused, and how to talk with children about these issues, and the second part is a mandated reporter training. All parish staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to attend this one-time training, so please plan to attend if you’ve not in the past and intend to volunteer in the future. Please note that both parts will be covered in Sunday's session.

SEEKING MARRIED COUPLES FOR SAINT CECILIA’S PRE-CANA PROGRAM

One of the primary initiatives of the Saint Cecilia Marriage Ministry is to offer a marriage workshop for all engaged couples planning to get married in the Church. Since 2019, Saint Cecilia has offered its own workshop based on the archdiocesan model of marriage prep, Transformed in Love, where married couples serve as witness couples to lead the engaged couples through the workshop. But we can't do this without your help! Whether you have been married a month or fifty years, we would love your marital experience and wisdom for the engaged couples enrolled in the program. Marriage prep workshops are offered several times a year, but commitments are flexible (our next workshop is October 15/22). For more information, contact Julianne and Michael Lavelle at stc.marriage@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOSPITALITY IS BACK!
Sunday, September 25 | After 9:30 & 11:30 Masses

Welcome back! As summer travels wrap up and folks settle into their fall routines, we’re looking forward to gathering in the Parish Hall for some coffee, pastries, and a chat!

LIKE SMILING? LIKE PEOPLE?
VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER!

With fall just around the corner, our Masses are back in full swing and we need help welcoming our neighbors into the church before each liturgy. Your small time commitment and warm smile can make someone’s day! Please sign up to greet here: https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/ZdP2qBWa
HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS MINISTRY: DRIVERS NEEDED

Each weekend, parishioners have the opportunity to pick up donated meat, dairy products, prepared foods, and produce from four local supermarkets and deliver it to either Catholic Charities' Haitian Multi-Service Center in Dorchester or the Huntington Y's Families in Transition program. This vital ministry takes place at 8:00 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday morning and, on Sundays, can be completed in time to attend or watch the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We need drivers for all the Saturdays and Sundays in September and October. Please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com to learn how you can help.

WISDOM & MATURE SPIRITUALITY

The Wisdom and Mature Spirituality group is now reading God First Loved Us: The Challenge of Accepting Unconditional Love by Fr. Antony F. Campbell, SJ. The author describes himself as “a New Zealander by birth, an Australian Jesuit by choice, and a lover of the Older Testament by passion.” In this inspiring and comforting book, Fr. Campbell invites us to consider that “love that is truly unconditional can never be withdrawn or withheld. Such love impacts the way we, in turn, are called to forgive others and urges us to take on a new, radical openness to human life.” The Wisdom group is always happy to welcome new members in the second half of life. We meet in person on the first Sunday of the month, and via Zoom from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on the other Sundays for fellowship and conversation. Email Deb Garcia at sc.wisdomandmaturespirituality@gmail.com for more information.

WOMEN’S LUNCH PLACE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The annual Spaghetti Dinner gala to benefit the day shelter on Newbury Street will be held on Friday, October 21 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. If you would like to join the Saint Cecilia table at the event, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com. Tickets are $250 each. The WLP is also looking for folks who would like to purchase full tables or serve as a table captain.

“MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: WHO ARE THEY—WHERE ARE THEY?”

Saturday, October 22 | 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Virtual

The 14th Annual Archdiocesan Social Justice Convocation presents a program to learn why over 100 million people in the world are on the move.

WHO: The first step in Social Justice work is education. During this two-hour program you can learn from Sean Callahan, President of Catholic Relief Services about who is displaced and why. Sean has personally visited more migrants and refugees than anyone else in the world. CRS touches the lives of over 150 million people a year.

WHAT: Marjean Perhot with Catholic Charities will explain the Church’s efforts in Boston and how parishes can help.

WHY: Cardinal Seán O’Malley will help us find our own personal call from Jesus to enter into the work to serve others, each in our own way. The objective for the Convocation is for each one of us to discern, "What can we do to serve?"

Registration is free and you can find more information about the convocation, speakers, resources, and actions: https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-social-services/social-justice-ministry

PIE SELLERS NEEDED!

As part of our ongoing relationship with Community Servings, we are looking for parishioners willing to assist with their annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year! Every Thanksgiving pie sold for $30 feeds a Community Servings client in Massachusetts suffering with a life-threatening illness for one week. The delicious pies—apple, pecan, and pumpkin—are the perfect dessert for your Thanksgiving table. If you are willing to help sell pies at Saint Cecilia liturgies as well as to your friends and colleagues via email, please email Mark Lippolt at mark.lippolt@gmail.com.

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HEALTH EQUITY INTERNATIONAL /ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL 2022 GALA

Thursday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. | Parish Hall

Health Equity Internation/St. Boniface is dedicated to providing essential health services to the people of southern Haiti. They are committed to building a comprehensive, efficient, and resilient health system that provides high-quality care. This year, they're hosting a gala entitled, Mobilizing Hope: A year of equity in action.

Join us for a viewing party and cocktail reception at Saint Cecilia Parish Hall at 5:30 PM ET or, stream the program from anywhere at 7 PM ET. Find out more information and purchase tickets and sponsorships at healthequity-intl.org/gala2022

This year, HEI/SBH Board Member Emerita Barrie Landry is being honored for her years of unwavering dedication. In addition, St. Boniface Hospital Heroes will be honored for providing the highest quality care during this tumultuous year.

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ONLINE COURSES

Christian Faith and Moral Character
September 21 – October 25, 2022
5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

Liturgy Essentials
September 21 – October 25, 2022
5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

Spirituality Matters
September 21 – October 25, 2022
5-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

Paul’s Letter to the Romans
September 21 – November 1, 2022
6-Week Online Course | Registration Required | $60.00

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/crossroads.html

BOSTON COLLEGE THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

Loving and Reforming a Holy yet Broken Church
Lecture by Richard Gaillardetz, Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology
September 23, 2022 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm | Boston College, Gasson 100 | Free of charge | Registration Required

New Directions in Ecclesiology:
The Contributions of Richard Gaillardetz
September 24, 2022 | 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Lunch and refreshments provided | Boston College, Gasson 100 | Free of charge | Registration Required

For further details or to register for this event, please check the Department of Theology website: https://events.bc.edu/event/new_directions_in_ecclesiology_the_contributions_of_richard_gaillardetz

BOSTON CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT

Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Living Laudato Si’ in Your Home, Community, and Parish
"Climate Change, Pollution, and Children’s Health"
Keynote by Dr. Philip Landrigan & breakout sessions
September 24, 2022 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Learn more and register: https://bit.ly/3Axwbbt

BOSTON COLLEGE CAMPUS EVENTS/WEBINARS

Science and a Flaming Sword:
The Neurospirituality of Religious Temperament
Thursday, September 29, 2022 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Attend in person or virtually | Registration Required
Presenter: Dr. Michael Ferguson, Instructor in Neurology at Harvard Medical School & Neurospirituality Research Director at the Center for Brain Circuit Therapeutics

Ecowomanist Spirituality in a Time of Climate Change
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Presentation | Registration Required
Presenter: Dr. Melanie Harris, professor of African American studies, Wake Forest University

For further details or to register for this event, please check the STM Online: Crossroads website: https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/continuing-education/campus-events.html
An Evening with
BROTHER GUY CONSOLMAGNO, SJ

Director of the Vatican Observatory headquartered in the town of Castel Gandolfo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022
6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Copies of Brother Guy’s books will be available for purchase and Brother Guy will be available to sign books following his presentation.

"I am amazed and grateful that God has given us humans, his creation, the ability to see and understand what he has done."

– Brother Guy, SJ

This event will be held in person and will also be livestreamed on the Saint Cecilia YouTube page. Facial coverings are mandatory for those attending in person.

This event is free and open to the public.
CLERGY TRUST

Each September, the Boston Archdiocese invites us to support the health and well-being of all our active and senior priests in good standing. The annual collection for Clergy Trust will take place this weekend, September 17 and 18. Clergy Trust makes it possible for the archdiocese to care for senior priests by providing health and wellness programs, a dedicated care team, and a residence for retired priests. Contributing to this collection is a good way to give thanks for the many ways our priests continue to serve the People of God in parishes, schools, and communities. To make a gift to Clergy Trust, please visit www.clergytrust.org. Thank you!

RAINBOW MINISTRY TABLE AT THE LGBT ASYLUM TASKFORCE GALA

On Saturday, September 24, the LGBT Asylum Taskforce will host their annual fundraising gala, and our Rainbow Ministry has reserved a table for this magnificent event. The LGBT Asylum Taskforce is an organization that provides housing, legal, medical, and mental resources for LGBTQ asylum seekers in Worcester, Massachusetts.

We would love you to join our table at this event. While each ticket is $125, we want to ensure that everyone who wants to attend can attend, regardless of the cost. Thank you to some generous Rainbow Ministry members, there is a limited number of subsidized tickets available. This is going to be a fun night and we’d love you to join us. Please RSVP to Melon Regis-Civetta at nanniemelon@aol.com to reserve a seat.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

Mass General Hospital is seeking Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to distribute Communion to patients and their families. The commitment would be 6 to 8 hours per month (either once weekly for two hours or every other week for three hours). Parking will be validated. Their greatest need right now is for Tuesdays and Thursdays. They also are in need of an Extraordinary Minister who speaks Spanish. If you are interested in participating in this vital ministry, please reach out to Julie Supple, Spiritual Care Provider (617-724-8759 or jsupple@mgh.harvard.edu).

THE SEASON OF CREATION

These are the "Top Ten Takeaways from Laudato si'" as summarized by Jesuit Fr. James Martin, editor at large of the Jesuit magazine, America.
1. The spiritual perspective is now part of the discussion on the environment.
2. The poor are disproportionately affected by climate change.
3. Less is more.
4. Catholic Social Teaching now includes teaching on the environment.
5. Discussions about ecology can be grounded in the Bible and church tradition.
6. Everything is connected — including the economy.
7. Scientific research on the environment is to be praised and used.
8. Widespread indifference and selfishness worsen environmental problems.
9. Global dialogue and solidarity are needed.
10. A change of heart is required.

Read the full text of the encyclical here: https://www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf

Saint Cecilia’s Climate Justice Group will be participating in the Boston Catholic Climate Movement webinar “Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Living Laudato Si’ in Your Home, Community, and Parish” on Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Please join us by registering at https://bit.ly/3Axwbbt. For more information contact sc.climatejustice@gmail.com
SAINT CECILIA PARISH

OUR CHOIRS ARE BACK!

Do you like to sing?
Do you play an instrument?

We're looking for talented, motivated musicians! Our three choirs sing at the 9:30, 11:30, and 6:00 Masses each Sunday & rehearse weekly. Come join our music community!

Interested?
Contact our music director, Robert Duff, at rduff@stceciliaboston.org to schedule an audition.

Family and Friends of LGBTQ+ Persons
Monthly Meeting

Third Sunday of Every Month
2pm on Zoom

For the Zoom link email-lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org

Our group is a support and resource group for Catholics whose loved ones identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community. Sponsored by Paulist Center, Rainbow Ministry at St. Cecilia, St. Anthony Shrine, St. Joseph (W. Boston), St. Susanna (Dedham), Blessed Trinity (Westford and Littleton), St. Ignatius (Chestnut Hill)

Health Equity International 2022 Gala
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LAST LECTURE
PROF. RICHARD GAILLARDETZ

Loving and Reforming a Holy yet Broken Church

Sept. 23, 7:30pm
Gasson Hall, 100
Boston College
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

"Go and make disciples" — Matthew 28:19

Each Easter, Saint Cecilia has the privilege of initiating new adults into the life of the Church. These are men and women who have participated in the parish’s RCIA program—a process designed specifically for non-Catholics and uncatechized Catholics who wish to explore a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in the context of the Catholic Church.

RCIA is offered each year for the following people:

- Individuals who have never been baptized and who wish to be baptized, confirmed, and receive Eucharist.
- Individuals who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist.
- Uncatechized Catholics: individuals who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received first Eucharist.

The upcoming season of RCIA will begin on October 5. The first eight weeks are an "inquiry period" and anyone is welcome to participate without obligation or commitment. On the Second Sunday of Advent (December 4, 2022), those who feel called to be baptized will be received into the Order of Catechumens and counted among those who will receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the 2023 Easter Vigil. Others will continue preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church, and, in the case of uncatechized Catholics, to complete their initiation by being confirmed and receiving Eucharist.

RCIA entails participation in 90-minute weekly sessions that take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00, as well as participation in the 9:30 Sunday liturgy and RCIA dismissal session.

WISDOM FROM THE ANCIENT CHURCH — St. Basil the Great (AD 329–379)

"Love of God does not spring from study. It is not from others, after all, that we learn to enjoy the light, to yearn for life, and to love our parents and those who nourish us. Much less, then, does love of God arise from external teaching. Rather, as soon as people exist they have the germ of reason, and this contains the power and impulse to love. In the school of divine instruction, therefore, we but cultivate this power and wisely nourish it; thus, with God’s help, it is brought to full development. For our part, we shall endeavor here, as far as the Holy Spirit enables us, to fan into flame this spark of love for God that is hidden within you."

This is a wonderful summary of what is at the heart of Christian formation. The RCIA is not a program or a class in Catholicism, but rather a process of discerning and ritualizing stages of gradual conversion that take place within the parish community. The process is about growing in relationship with Jesus Christ and being accompanied and supported by both the RCIA and the wider parish communities.

If this sounds like something you might like to pursue, all that is needed is an open heart and a sincere desire to grow in relationship with Jesus. To learn more or to sign-up for our 2022/23 season, please email Scott MacDonald (smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org). We would be privileged to walk with you and help "fan into flame this spark of love for God that is hidden within you."
WHAT IS SAINT CECILIA’S RELATIONSHIP WITH RED CLOUD INDIAN SCHOOL?

BY PAUL AND PAT DAOUYST

Pat and Paul Daoust have been parishioners at Saint Cecilia for the last ten years and currently sponsor our Red Cloud Indian School initiative, which is part of our Beyond Boston ministry. Here, the Daousts would like to share the "how" and "why" of their involvement with Red Cloud.

Paul’s Perspective: "The “how” of my involvement with Red Cloud is easy—it involves the Jesuits. My eight years of Jesuit education started sixty years ago and after that, I was involved in many activities and organizations that were sponsored by the Jesuits. However, in all that time I had never even heard of Red Cloud—much less knew what it was all about. In 2015, my older brother, Joe (a Jesuit priest), was transferred from the Curia in Rome to lead the Jesuit Community at Red Cloud. I went to visit and I was hooked.

Red Cloud Indian School is located on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, home to the Oglala Lakota Nation, and one of the poorest counties in the entire country. More than 130 years ago, Chief Red Cloud recognized the Lakota were facing a huge economic and cultural struggle. His wish was for the Jesuits to come and educate Lakota children to “walk in two worlds,” or to survive in a rapidly changing environment while still sustaining their Lakota identity.

Today, Red Cloud Indian School includes four schools that serve nearly six hundred students, six churches that serve communities throughout the reservation of five thousand square miles, and a Heritage Center that supports Indigenous artists from across the region. The Heritage Center houses more than ten thousand Lakota artifacts—more than anywhere except the Smithsonian! The schools are primarily led by a Lakota leadership team, staff, and teachers, including many Red Cloud alumni. Red Cloud is a unique mission—it is the only Jesuit-sponsored K-12 Native American school in the country.

Despite these challenging circumstances, the Oglala Lakota find ways to celebrate a vibrant culture that has endured for generations and continues today. Their courage and commitment to their culture and their communities are inspirational. That is why I stay hooked."

Pat’s Perspective: "For the last five years, I have had the privilege of working as a health educator and advocate with nurses, nursing students, and members of the Lakota community on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota. This opportunity resulted from a partnership with Mass General Global Health Initiatives where I was the Director of Nursing. I am presently a guest lecturer at the Oglala Lakota College (OLC) of Nursing, which is located in close proximity to the Red Cloud School and, coincidently, where my husband Paul serves on the Red Cloud board and my brother-in-law, Joe SJ, leads the Jesuit community.

Because of these relationships, I was provided the opportunity to become familiar with the faculty and students of Red Cloud and have become a huge fan of the school. The commitment to quality education, the continued celebration of a vibrant Lakota culture, and recognition of the importance of spiritual growth is engaging and impossible to resist. Although health challenges on the reservation are significant and can feel overwhelming at times, the student’s desire to learn and their energetic nature creates a welcoming and warm environment that allows for continued implementation of health educational initiatives, successful outreach, and positive outcomes. It is a true gift to partner with and learn from this amazing school."

If you’d like to learn more about our Red Cloud Indian School initiative at Saint Cecilia, please contact staff liaison Christine Burns at cburns@stceciliaboston.org. This week, we’re pleased to have a bulletin article by Maka Black Elk, Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Red Cloud Indian School. Maka will be giving a talk at Saint Cecilia on November 2, so please stay tuned for more information.
Pope Francis has made his pilgrimage of penance to Canada, which marks a pivotal moment in the Catholic Church and Indigenous peoples' journey towards potential reconciliation. This was one of the 94 Calls to Action outlined by the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the wake of their seven-year effort to document, inform, and seek justice for First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples across Canada. The visit from Pope Francis on Canadian soil to apologize for the residential school system marks another step in what is insisted upon by Indigenous peoples and the Pope himself to be an ongoing journey toward healing. In his apology, Pope Francis declared “that is only the first step, the starting point” for a long road toward creating a right relationship.

Last year, news outlets highlighted numerous reports of the rediscovery of unmarked graves at a multitude of former residential schools across Canada. Each grave represented an Indigenous young person who never had the chance to return home. Though many Indigenous peoples knew this history, it was retraumatizing to be reminded in such grim ways of those lost children. For many non-Indigenous in Canada and the world, it was the first time they were introduced to the magnitude of the devastation faced by Indigenous peoples as a result of the residential school system.

The reaction to this history from Catholics themselves, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, often fell into two categories. The first was a sense of devastation and even shaking of one's individual faith, rooted in despair of the Church's role in this history as an active participant and instigator. The other was often a reactionary defensiveness of the Church and its actions held onto by a notion that people involved in the residential system believed they were doing good. Both of these reactions fail in different ways to fully understand both the hope of the Gospel as the reason for condemning Church involvement and the responsibility the Church has in addressing this history and holding itself accountable. For a deeper investigation of this theological approach to understanding the Church's response to residential school history, I recommend reading an article by theologian Brett Salkeld entitled, “Guilt, Responsibility, and Purgatory: How Traditional Catholic Teaching Can Help Us Think About Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations.”

Salkeld helps guide us in building a theological platform to engage and understand this issue and how we might open the door for the healing necessary to move us forward as Pope Francis has now called upon the Church to do.

His pilgrimage of penance should be instructive for us. When we seek atonement in the sacrament of reconciliation as Salkeld explained, we must do penance as well because “genuine sorrow over sin desires to make reparation.” That is the work moving forward from this pilgrimage. How does the Catholic Church desire to make reparation and what are some of the ways in which it can begin to do so?

The actual work of reconciliation will not be in the Pope's hands. Through issuing his apology, Pope Francis has called upon the whole body of Christ to now take the steps necessary in order to face our history as a Church in North America and seek the right relationship with Indigenous peoples. This is not to say that there isn’t more Pope Francis can do from his position on the seat of St. Peter. It is clear that Pope Francis must also now consider how the Church can decidedly renounce the Doctrine of Discovery. He must also direct the Vatican Archives to work with Indigenous communities to discern what artifacts should be repatriated to those native nations knowing that many of them were gifts from the native communities themselves while others may be the product of various forms of colonial theft.
Other areas of truth, reconciliation, and healing, however, must come from local communities, Catholic Churches, and the dioceses themselves. In the calls from different Indigenous peoples, there have been various requests as to what “the Catholic Church” can do in order to atone and repair. It’s important to remember that Indigenous communities are not monoliths and thus there can be plenty of disagreement among the Indigenous themselves as to what these methods of repair should be. Broadly speaking, however, we can identify several categories of work that Churches can think about moving forward: 1) Church investment/involvement in revitalizing languages, spiritualities, and cultures of Indigenous peoples it once worked to destroy, 2) reasonable returning of land held by Churches to Indigenous communities, and 3) support for Indigenous communities in the recovery from various traumas experienced and passed on in the residential school system.

Bishops across Turtle Island would do well to build relationships with their tribal communities both within and outside of their diocese in order to address these areas. Meaningful dialogue at the local level would reveal the ways in which the Church can support these efforts and discern what is possible. Bishop’s conferences should support individual diocese in these efforts to ensure every diocese can meet the needs of their communities.

These actions can and should be taken because the spirit of our sacraments calls us to do so. It is no individual today who is responsible for or should hold guilt for the sins of the Church’s past. We are however collectively responsible for how we repair relationships moving forward. To do so is to affirm the God-given dignity of Indigenous peoples and call us to a deeper relationship in order to create a new future together.

There was a moment after Pope Francis’ apology when Chief Wilton Littlechild of the Cree Nation approached the dais and gifted to him a feather bonnet, an item of deep spiritual and cultural significance to many tribal nations, by placing it on his head. This moment stirred immense emotions across Turtle Island for many Indigenous peoples, emotions that ranged from confusion, anger, horror, and joy. Regardless of one’s individual feelings about that moment and the image now captured for time immemorial of Pope Francis wearing this feather bonnet, the reaction from different Indigenous peoples represents the magnitude of the Catholic Church’s outsized impact on the colonial past as a representative of it. The chains of that colonial heritage may never be fully cast off. But I want to note that connection because it names something that is also deeply challenging at this moment.

The Church also needs healing from its own history.

The Catholic Church is the inheritor of a difficult legacy, nuanced as it is, that marks a deep stain on the integrity of the faith that clearly acted against its own core beliefs. Yet it is also the very realization of that fact that holds the faith together and reminds us that despite the failings of our past, this Church is full of goodness rooted in the Gospel truth. Our baptismal calling is at the root of our need not only to admit and atone for this history but to also deepen our faith and trust that God pulls us in the right direction by doing so.

Time and time again throughout the bible, God demonstrates he stands with the poor and the marginalized. He is the God of the oppressed and the defender of the enslaved. How should His Church respond when it is realized that it acted as an oppressor rather than a liberator?

Along with the work outlined above, the Church can and should grapple with its own need for healing and use this opportunity to remind the body of Christ what our faith calls us to. Forgiveness is always a challenging task, perhaps one of the most difficult things our faith calls us to do. Indigenous communities will continue to discern how they approach forgiveness in all the ways they might do so, for being victimized in its own way can be a prison that only Indigenous peoples can free themselves from.

But forgiveness isn’t only for the victim. The legacy of the perpetrator also demands forgiveness in order to heal. In fact, forgiveness in this sense is only possible when the harmful act is acknowledged and named.

To be clear, Indigenous peoples do not need the Church to forgive itself and atone. Healing can be done even in absence of the perpetrator. But we cannot deny that in situations where harm has been inflicted, the perpetrator of that harm has also wounded their soul. Has sinned. Has a need for contrition, forgiveness, and healing from within. To not do so means the sin may be repeated again. Pope Francis said, “We are speaking of processes that must penetrate hearts.” This moves us to a place of deep love rooted in Christ. I pray we find the many ways in which that love can be made manifest as we heal together.

~ Maka Black Elk is the Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Red Cloud Indian School. He graduated from Red Cloud in 2005 and returned as a teacher and later as an administrator in 2013 before taking on his current role.
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Schedule for Liturgy  
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.  
Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.  
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

Baptism for Infants  
Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation for Children  
To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Scott MacDonald in the Parish Office.

Marriage  
Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Order of Christian Funerals  
The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Care of the Sick  
To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team  
The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIRTUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (lhowland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full text of the policy is also available in the narthex and Parish Office, as well as on our website.

For Those with Celiac Disease  
If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Hearing Assistance in Church  
The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

Building Accessibility  
Both the church and Parish Hall Center are accessible by elevator.

Parking  
There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for $13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and $13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask one of our greeters for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, first place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

Joining Our Community  
We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff member or drop in for coffee on Sunday. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.